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Applicant: Herve Ohmer et al. § Group Art Unit: 3673
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Providing Plural Flow Paths at a § (SHL.0143P2US)
Lateral Junction §

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 17, 2004

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, rejoinder of claims 9 and 28 (previously withdrawn) was indicated in view of allowed generic claims.

Although Applicant disagrees with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over claims of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,209,648, Applicant is nevertheless enclosing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection in the interest of placing the application in condition for allowance.

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I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313.
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